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REMARKS

Claims 1-37 are pending. Election has been required between species corresponding to the embodiment depicted in Figures 1-9 (species 1); the embodiment depicted in Figures 10-13 (species 2); and the embodiment depicted in Figures 14-18 (species 3).

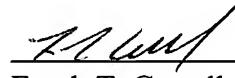
The Examiner contends that no claims in the application are generic. Applicant respectfully disagrees. Applicant respectfully submits that at least independent claims 1, 13, 18, 28, 34, and 35 read on each of the embodiments depicted in Figures 1-18. Applicant therefore respectfully submits that these claims are generic.

Applicant hereby elects species 1 for prosecution on the merits if no generic claims are found allowable. Species 1 corresponds to the embodiment depicted in Figures 1-9.

Claims 1-3, 5, 6, 9-16, 18, 19, 21, 22, 24-32, and 34-37 read on this embodiment.

A Notice of Allowability is respectfully requested.

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